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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

What: Michigan Silversmiths Guild: 2011 Jewelry and Objects Exhibition

When: July 12 – September 25, 2011

Where: Galleries, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640

Cost: \$8 Adults | \$5 Children | FREE to ABDM members

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

Find this on our website: <http://www.mcfta.org/ExhibitionsABDM.html#silversmith>

MIDLAND – The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art presents the **Michigan Silversmiths Guild: 2011 Jewelry and Objects Exhibition**. This competitive exhibition promotes excellence in the field of metalsmithing and will feature approximately 100 works of metalsmithing and jewelry design. The works will be on display in the galleries of the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art in Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland. Exhibition dates are July 12 – September 25, 2011. Admission is \$8 Adults | \$5 Children 4 - 14 | FREE to ABDM members. There will be an opening reception and awards presentation August 6, 2011, from 7 – 9 pm in the Museum.

The juror for the exhibition was Marilyn de Silva, Professor and Program Chair of the Jewelry/Metal Arts Department at California College of the Arts in Oakland. She earned a Master of Fine Arts in Jewelry Design and Metalsmithing at Indiana University, Bloomington and her Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education at Bowling Green State University. De Silva is noted for her striking sculptures and wearable works. She has exhibited nationally and internationally including the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and the National Gallery of Australia. She is a fellow of the American Craft Council.

Visit mcfta.org for current Museum hours. The Alden B. Dow Museum will be closed July 2 – 11.

Also on exhibit, ***Eyes 2 See: Paul VanHeest Drawings***. Now through July 30, 2011 experience the solo exhibition of Paul VanHeest, who was presented with the award for excellence from the 2009 Greater Michigan Art Exhibition. Vanheest earned the B. A. in Art at Hope College in 1982 and did graduate work at Western University. He served 27 years in Holland Public Schools as an art instructor. He has earned awards for art in exhibitions at the Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Alan Berkowitz Gallery on the campus of U of M Dearborn, and the Muskegon Museum of Art, among others.

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) provides a forum to engage the people of mid-Michigan in the constructive and creative expressions found in science and in art. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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